THAT WAS ONE PARTY I'LL NEVER FORGET. THE HOST WAS DEAD..
...OUR CLIENT WAS FURIOUS...
...AND THERE WAS TANYA -- HANGING FROM A CHANDELIER OVER A GATHERING OF CHICAGO'S SUPER-ELITE -- NAKED AS THE DAY SHE WAS BORN.
DEFINITELY NOT OUR FINEST MOMENT.
LOOKERS
CAT'S GAME -- PART ONE

THE WHOLE THING STARTED OUT AS A ROUTINE RECOVERY CASE... THE KIND OF STUFF WE SPECIALIZE IN AT ***COMPLETE RECOVERY, INC.***
OUR CLIENT WAS ***CLINTON YATES*** -- A FLAMBOYANT BILLIONAIRE WITH A PENCHANT FOR COLLECTING RARE ASIAN ARTIFACTS.
YATES HAD PURCHASED ONE SUCH ARTIFACT -- AN ANCIENT ***JADE TIGER*** -- FROM A COLLECTOR IN JAPAN...
...ONLY TO HAVE THE PIECE ***STOLEN*** FROM A COURIER IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLEARING CUSTOMS AT O'HARE.
OUR NUMBER ONE SUSPECT WAS ***KYOSHI OBARA*** -- A JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN LIVING IN CHICAGO...
...WHO HAD LOST A ***BIDDING WAR*** FOR THE JADE TIGER TO CLINTON YATES.
YATES DID ***HIS*** PART BY GETTING US INTO A HIGH-SOCIETY SHINDIG AT OBARA'S ESTATE...
...NOW IT WAS UP TO ***US*** TO SLIP AWAY FROM THE PARTY, RECOVER THE TIGER AND GET OUT.
SEEMED LIKE A NO-BRAINER, UNTIL WE RAN INTO SOME... ***COMPLICATIONS.***
THIS PLACE IS ***HUGE,*** MICHELLE. WE'RE ***NEVER*** GONNA FIND THAT FRIGGIN' TIGER.
SHH! LESS WHINING AND MORE SEARCHING, TANYA.

I'LL CHECK OUT THIS OFFICE, YOU GO SEE WHAT'S AT THE END OF THE HALL.
WHATEVER.
I'D RATHER GO BACK TO THE PARTY AND HAVE SOME FUN.
OBARA WAS OLD SCHOOL, HIS FILES IN A CABINET RATHER THAN ON A HARDDRIVE...
...AND ONE OF THOSE FILES WAS PARTICULARLY ENGROSSING.
HOLY SHIT.
I WAS SNAPPED BACK TO REALITY BY TANYA'S VOICE, HER "CHOKER" TRANSMITTING HER SLIGHTEST WHISPER TO THE RECEIVER IN MY EAR.
MICHELLE. YOU'D BETTER COME SEE THIS.
TANYA?
IN HERE.

WHOA.
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE, HUH?

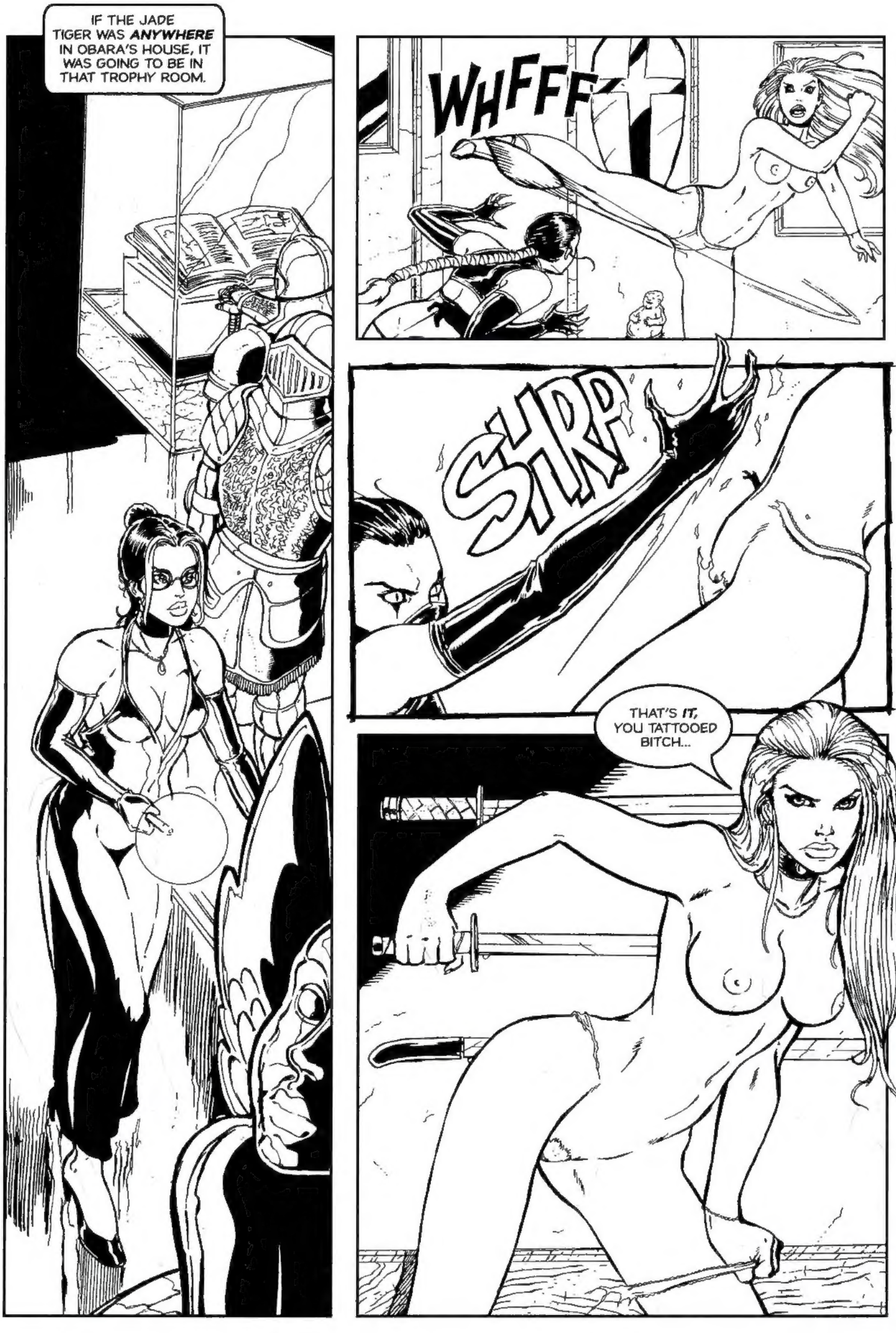
BUT WAIT, THERE'S *MORE!*

IF YOU ORDER NOW, WE'LL THROW IN THESE TWO *DEAD GUYS!*
NOW HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY?

TANYA, YOU *IDIOT!*
THOSE ARE OBARA'S *BODYGUARDS,* AND THE FACT THAT A COUPLE OF PROS LIKE *THEM* ARE LAYING THERE GETTING COLD AND STIFF MEANS THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH...

...AN ASSASSIN!

SHRRIIPP!
TANYA ISN'T THE *SHARPEST* TOOL IN THE SHED, BUT SHE'S ONE TOUGH CHICK...
OH NO. YOU DID *NOT* JUST SHRED MY VERSACE ORIGINAL.
...*ESPECIALLY* WHEN SHE'S PISSED OFF.
LADY, YOU ARE *SO* DEAD!
WHILE *SHE* TANGLED WITH OUR UNINVITED GUEST, I CONTINUED THE SEARCH...


IF THE JADE TIGER WAS ANYWHERE IN OBARA'S HOUSE, IT WAS GOING TO BE IN THAT TROPHY ROOM.
WHFFF
SHRP
THAT'S IT, YOU TATTOOED BITCH...

...YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
BINGO!
I *FOUND* IT, TANYA!
MICHELLE! BEHIND YOU!
I FOUND THE JADE TI--

--GER.
DON'T THINK YOU'RE RUNNING OUT ON ME NOW.
YOU STARTED THIS FIGHT...
...BUT *I'M* GONNA FINISH IT.
THWACK!
UH HUH. COME ON... THERE'S A LOT MORE WHOOP-ASS WHERE *THAT* CAME FROM.

HEY! GET BACK HERE!
TANYA! WAIT!
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THIS HARDER ON YOURSELF.
WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU, YOU'RE GONNA BE ONE SORRY SACK OF...

..SHIT
GASP!
WHAT THE...?
WHUMP!
TINKLE
SHHNNG
THAT WOMAN HAS MY JADE TIGER!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE? WHERE ARE MY BODYGUARDS?

SHE'S GOT A KNIFE!
YASU! HACHI! HELP ME!

OBARA! LOOK OUT!

OH LORD.

AAAAHHH!

SPLURTCH!
NOT GOOD.
SHE'S GETTING AWAY! STOP HER!
CALL 911! CALL 911!
KREEEESH!

TANYA! YOU CAN'T JUST GO RUNNING THROUGH THE HOUSE *NAKED*.
SOMEBODY MIGHT--
SEE
--YOU.
UH, MICHELLE? COULD YOU PLEASE GET ME *DOWN* FROM HERE? I GOTTA PEE.
NICE WORK, LADIES.
LIKE I SAID, DEFINITELY *NOT* OUR FINEST MOMENT.
TO BE CONTINUED...

LOOKERS
"CAT'S GAME" - PART 2
CLINTON YATES WAS **NOT** A HAPPY MAN, AND WHO COULD **BLAME** HIM?
HE'D ESCORTED TANYA AND I TO A BLACK TIE PARTY SO WE COULD RECOVER HIS ANTIQUE **JADE TIGER** THAT HAD BEEN STOLEN BY A RIVAL BUSINESSMAN NAMED KYOSHI OBARA...
...AND HE ENDED UP SEEING OBARA **MURDERED** BEFORE HIS EYES BY A FEMALE ASSASSIN WHO ABSCONDED WITH THE TIGER...
...WHILE **TANYA** HUNG NAKED FROM A CHANDELIER ABOVE A GATHERING OF CHICAGO'S RICH AND FAMOUS.
THANKS FOR LOANING ME YOUR JACKET, MR. YATES.
YES, WELL...IT'S A **DAMN** GOOD THING YOU WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE THE POLICE TO LET US LEAVE BEFORE THE PRESS ARRIVED. THE **LAST** THING I NEED IS A PUBLIC SCANDAL.
NOW...WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT FINDING MY **TIGER?**

THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW WHERE THAT MURDEROUS WOMAN RAN OFF TO.
NOT TRUE.
?

I THINK I KNOW ***EXACTLY*** WHERE SHE WENT...***AND*** WHO SENT HER TO KILL OBARA.
YOU ***DO?*** BUT HOW, MICHELLE?

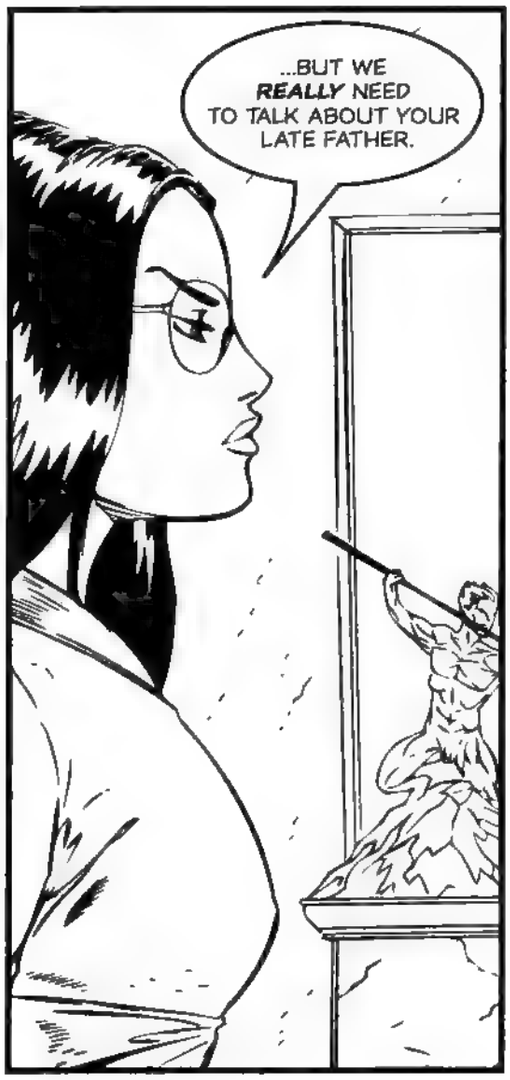
SOMETHING I FOUND WHILE SNOOPING AROUND OBARA'S OFFICE, BUT THE LESS YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS THE ***BETTER,*** MR. YATES.
IT'S A ***DANGEROUS*** SITUATION.

JUST DROP US OFF AT OUR OFFICE SO LADY GODIVA HERE CAN GET SOME ***CLOTHES...***
...AND WE'LL HAVE YOUR JADE TIGER BACK BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS THROUGH.

OOOOH...
UUUUHHH.
YESSSS...
OBARA-SAN?

KETSUEKI?
KETSUEKI!
WHAT *IS* IT, MATSU?
I TOLD YOU I WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED!

THERE ARE TWO YOUNG LADIES HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR.
THEY CLAIM TO HAVE *NEWS* ABOUT YOUR FATHER.
MY *FATHER?*
MAKE THEM GO AWAY.
I *TRIED,* SIR...
...BUT THEY WERE *VERY* INSISTENT.
GOOD EVENING, OBARA-SAN. SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE *ORGY...*


...BUT WE *REALLY* NEED TO TALK ABOUT YOUR LATE FATHER.

I SEE.
LATE FATHER? BUT KYOSHI IS NOT--

MATSU, PLEASE TAKE THE GIRLS AND LEAVE US. I HAVE BUSINESS TO DISCUSS WITH THESE LADIES.
AND YOU ARE..?

COMPLETE RECOVERY, INC. I'M MICHELLE, THIS IS MY SISTER TANYA.
LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE, OBARA. ALL WE WANT IS THE JADE TIGER.

NEKO.
"CAT"? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU--
NEKO!
THWACK!
-GASP-

HOT DAMN! YOU WERE *RIGHT*, MICHELLE.
I *AM* GONNA GET A REMATCH WITH THIS NINJA-BITCH.
SNAP SNAP

HER NAME IS *NEKO*, AND SHE IS GOING TO KILL YOU.

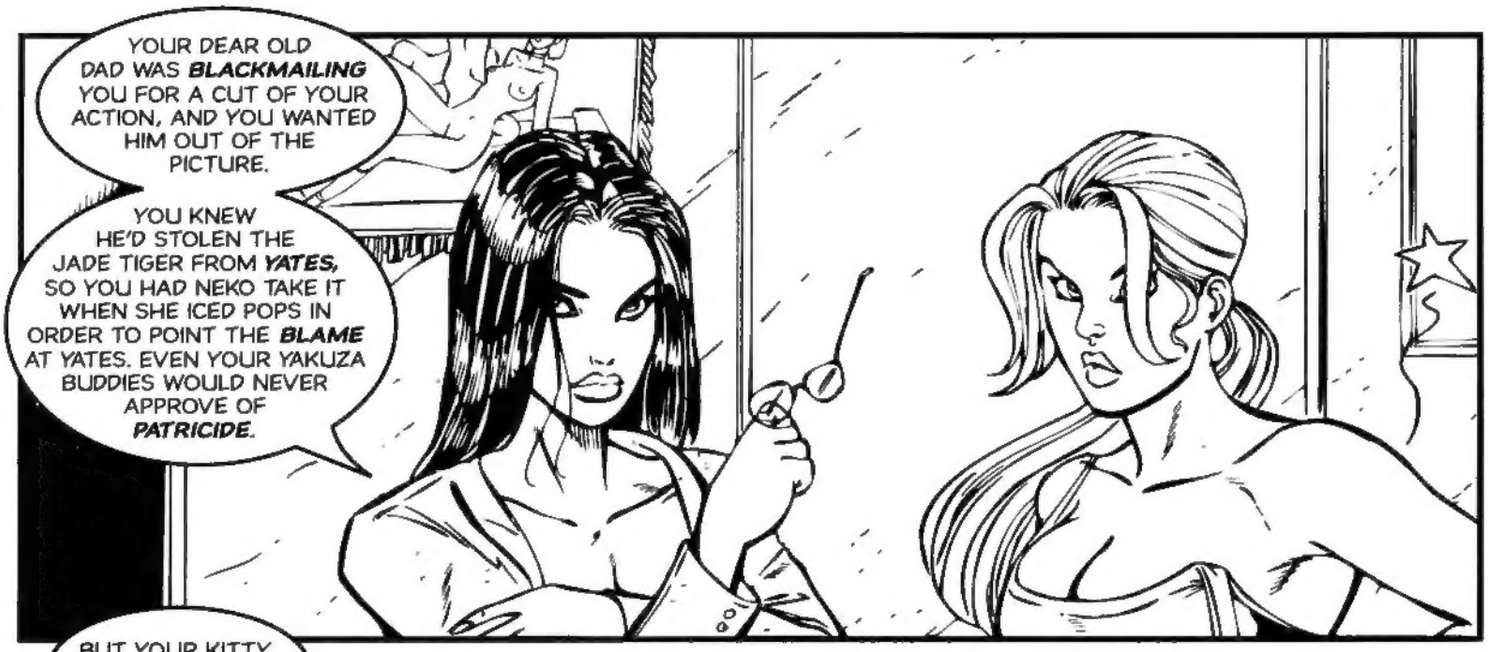
SHYEAH...
SMAKK!
...RIGHT!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE *THINKING*, OBARA...
...BUT IF YOU WOULD JUST *LISTEN* TO--
FUCK YOU.

OBARA, DON'T--
URRNNG!
YOU RUINED MY FAVORITE PARTY DRESS, "NEKO"...
...AND NOW IT'S TIME...
...FOR A LITTLE PAYBACK!

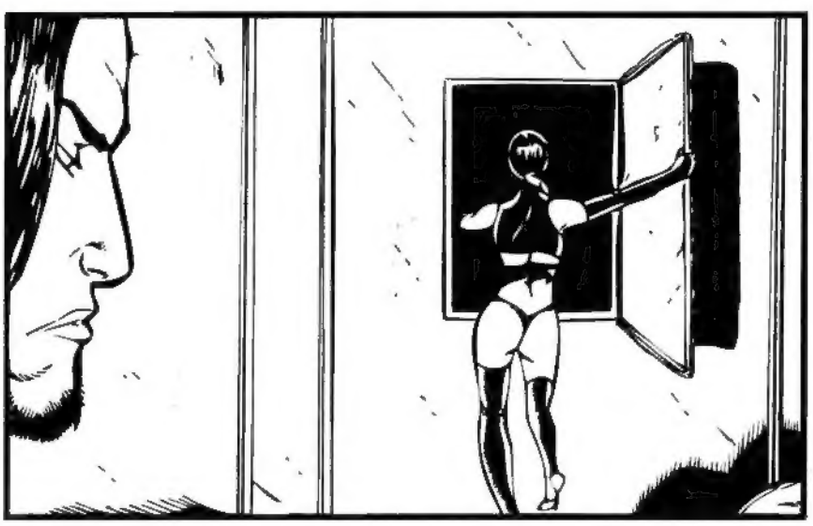
DROP THE GUN, OBARA! DON'T MAKE ME *HURT* YOU!
FUCKING... *KILL* YOU--
KRACK!
UUNF!

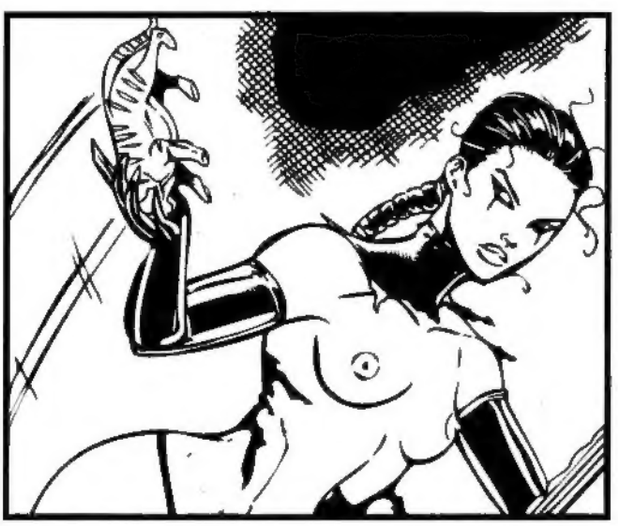
OH NO...
YOU ARE NOT GONNA PULL THAT "MATRIX" SHIT WITH ME.
SLAM!
I WARNED YOU!
CRUNCH!
HHHNNNG!

BLAM!
EVERY BODY CHILL!
OBARA, LISTEN UP.
I DISCOVERED A VERY INTERESTING FILE IN YOUR FATHER'S OFFICE TONIGHT.
WHAT -UUNNH- FILE?
YOU KNOW DAMN WELL WHAT FILE. THE ONE YOUR FATHER WAS KEEPING REGARDING ALL OF YOUR YAKUZA ACTIVITIES AND CONNECTIONS.
THE ONE THAT YOU HAD HIM KILLED FOR.


YOUR DEAR OLD DAD WAS **BLACKMAILING** YOU FOR A CUT OF YOUR ACTION, AND YOU WANTED HIM OUT OF THE PICTURE.
YOU KNEW HE'D STOLEN THE JADE TIGER FROM **YATES,** SO YOU HAD NEKO TAKE IT WHEN SHE ICED POPS IN ORDER TO POINT THE **BLAME** AT YATES. EVEN YOUR YAKUZA BUDDIES WOULD NEVER APPROVE OF **PATRICIDE.**

BUT YOUR KITTY **DIDN'T** RETRIEVE THE FILE...
...WHICH **NOW** SITS IN A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX THAT WILL BE OPENED BY A FRIEND OF MINE AT THE **D.A.'S OFFICE** IF ANYTHING EVER HAPPENS TO ME, MY SISTER OR CLINTON YATES.
NOW GIVE ME THE FUCKING TIGER AND WE'LL GO **HOME.** CAT'S GAME. NOBODY LOSES.
GET IT.





THANKS, PUSSY CAT. CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL, CAN YA?
YOU'VE MADE A DANGEROUS ENEMY THIS NIGHT.
MY UNDERWORLD EMPIRE STRETCHES FAR AND WIDE.
UH HUH. AND UNLESS YOU WANT IT TO COME CRASHING DOWN AROUND YOUR EARS, YOU'LL FORGET YOU EVER MET US.
HAVE A GOOD NIGHT. WE'LL LET OURSELVES OUT.
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